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SUBJECT: FY-77 ALLOCATION

REF: A) STATE 224658; B) SEOUL 7730

1. ADMINISTRATIVE AND NON-GRANT PROGRAM COSTS FOR KAEC
CONTINUE INCREASE EACH YEAR AND REPRESENT INCREASINGLY
LARGE PROPORTION OVERALL COSTS. DEPT FEELS ALL-OUT
EFFORT IS REQUIRED TO BRING THESE COSTS DOWN WHEREVER
POSSIBLE AND HOLD THE LINE ON OTHERS.

2. REQUEST POST AND KAEC EXAMINE CAREFULLY, AND IN LIGHT
OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES LAST YEAR, EACH CATEGORY OF SERVICES
BUDGETED, E.G. OBJECT CLASSIFICATION 256: OTHER CONTRACTUAL
SERVICES.

3. KAEC MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT ITS REQUEST FOR ALMOST 84
THOUSAND DOLLARS IN OPERATING COSTS AND 37 THOUSAND FOR
NON-GRANT EXPENSES IS BASED ON AN OVERALL PROPOSED PROGRAM
OF DOLS 481 THOUSAND. IN REALITY, THE TOTAL ALLOCATION
FOR KAEC IS ONLY 307,310. WITH SUCH A SIGNIFICANT RE-
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DUCTION FROM ORIGINALLY PROPOSED PROGRAM, IT FOLLOWS

THAT ADMIN COSTS SHOULD COME DOWN CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN
PROPOSED IN REF B.

4. PARA C OF REF A REQUESTS BOTH PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION FOR CUTS IN KAEC PROGRAM IF INCREASE IN ADMIN COSTS NEEDED. REF B GIVES PROPOSAL FOR CUTTING PROGRAM BUT DOES NOT JUSTIFY. WE REALIZE THAT CERTAIN COST FACTORS ARE BEYOND YOUR CONTROL BUT WISH ASSURANCES THAT EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT BEING MADE KEEP OPERATING COSTS DOWN. ROBINSON

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